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## FIGHTING HARD FOR NEW MEMBERS

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## STAGGERED BY REPAIR ACCOUNT

But Committee Approves Monthly Expense Bill of \$236.30 for City Ambulance.

### COST MORE THAN HORSES

No Recommendation at Present as to Operating Room at City Home.

Until the Committee on Relief of the Poor makes an inspection of the grounds and buildings, no recommendation will be made to the Council in regard to building an operating room at the City Home for which the old Council appropriated \$3,000. It was decided at a meeting of the committee last night that as the estimates exceeded the appropriation, the plans might be changed so as to come within the amount stipulated.

It has been suggested that the operating room could be built as an annex to the main hospital, instead of between the white and colored rooms at the City Home. Mr. H. H. H. of the committee said he is of the opinion that an addition connected with the main structure can be constructed at a less cost than the present scheme of building. When the committee makes its inspection this matter will be thoroughly investigated. As city chairman Hobson returns to the city he will set a day for visiting the home.

Thought Bill Excessive. The committee was very much surprised at the bill of \$236.30 for repairs to the city ambulance for the month of August, as well as the bill of \$29.53 for September.

Superintendent R. G. Cabell explained that not a month passed that one of the three ambulances was not broken. He said that punctures and blowouts occur very frequently and that little breaks here and there necessitate taking the ambulance to the shop. He said he did not think that the upkeep of the ambulance was in proportion to that of other city property. Although every member of the committee felt that the bill for repairs was excessive, they agreed there was nothing to do except to vote on it. A decision was made to look into the matter when the property is inspected and see what could be done about it. The ambulance cost \$4,250 and the present expense for upkeep in less than two years as much will have been spent for repairs.

It was explained by several members that when the ambulance was drawn by horses the expenses for maintaining were less. The reference to the records showed that three horses were fed monthly for \$37.50, and that repairs to the vehicle were insignificant as compared with the automobile ambulance. The appointment of a matron for the City Home was deferred until the next meeting.

### POLICE COURT CASES

Junius Henry and Nat Miles, colored, Get Jail Terms for Stealing. Junius Henry, colored, was sent to jail for 15 days for stealing two sheets from Mrs. S. Rainer.

Robert Johnson, colored, charged with carrying a concealed razor, was fined \$100 and placed under \$500 security for 100 days.

Moses Riklin, white, charged with laboring at his trade on the Sabbath, was fined \$5.

Thomas Cheatham, colored, was convicted of selling liquor without a license and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, to serve six days in jail and was placed under \$500 security for twelve months.

Albert Fugate, white, who is alleged to have boasted that the police couldn't catch him until he surrendered, and whose alleged boast failed him Sunday night when he was arrested by Police man Jones, was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct.

### COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN

Superintendent Expects 4,000 Pupils Before End of Season. Superintendent Maddux, of the Henrico county schools, which opened yesterday, believes that before the close of the present session, Henrico will have 4,000 pupils enrolled. The county furnished 3,200 scholars last year, and the superintendent expects that at least 800 more will be enrolled this year. The only school which has not been opened for the session is that in Highland Park, which will begin work on October 3.

The 130 teachers who took up their duties in Henrico yesterday met Saturday morning at the Henrico County Teachers' Association, which was held at the Henrico County Hotel. The association was presided over by J. H. Brent, president; Miss Lottie M. Evans, secretary; Miss Alice Penick, treasurer; Miss M. C. George, Miss Blanche Gledhill, Miss Maude Trevett, Miss Mary Urner and Miss Rena Armstrong, vice-presidents.

Reports Heavy Loss. Thomas J. Harris, of Boscomb, Gloucester county, has reported to the police that he lost a watch containing \$293. He is not certain whether he lost the money or it was stolen from him.

## CLARKE TO SPEAK IN WASHINGTON

Richmond Man to Explain How Retail Merchants' Association Operates.

W. H. Clarke, Jr., secretary of the Richmond Retail Merchants' Association and of the Virginia Retail Merchants' Association, will go to Washington to address the National Retail Merchants' Association at its meeting next Monday night.

Mr. Clarke notified George Gall, secretary of the Washington organization, by telegram yesterday that he would be present. He will explain to the Washington merchants the method of operation of the Richmond association and also the benefits derived from such an organization.

Commissioner Cuno H. Rudolph and Mayor Paff of Alexandria, will also address the meeting.

This will be the first regular meeting of the new organization, which has been formed under the auspices of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. Officers will be elected and rules and regulations adopted. Joseph Strasburger is the acting president and has done much to bring about its organization. The meeting will be open to all retail merchants in Washington.

Marriage License. A marriage license was issued yesterday to John Harkness and Elizabeth Boswell.

## WOULDBE OFFICER IN HOSPITAL HERE

Chief Stallings, of Spring Hope, Too Badly Hurt to Stand Operation.

### LIFE SAVED BY HIS BADGE

Shot by Negro He Was Endeavoring to Arrest for Selling Liquor.

Believed to have been saved from instant death only by the metal badge which he wore, Chief of Police J. M. Stallings, of Spring Hope, N. C., lies in a critical condition at the Johnston-Willis Sanatorium, where physicians say he has a fighting chance to recover from the effects of a gunshot wound received last night while attempting to arrest a desperate negro.

Chief Stallings arrived last night on the Atlantic Coast Line last night having been shot while endeavoring to arrest a negro who was selling liquor. He was accompanied by Dr. J. R. Wheeler, of Spring Hope, and stood the trip fairly well, but the physicians, after having examined his wounds, decided that his condition was critical.

Shot While on Duty. The officer's assailant was a negro named Norman Lewis, for whose arrest Stallings was on duty. Accompanied by Bob Wrenn, he went to the negro's house to execute the warrant. While going to the house, while through the front door the chief told the negro that he was wanted. Replying that he had no idea of who he was, the negro went on to the back of the house. Lewis then called to his wife to put out the light and open the door. Instantly the negro ran out, followed by Stallings, who fired a shot in his left breast, only his star, which deflected a part of the discharge, saving him from instant death.

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### Miraculous Escape.

Telegraphic advices from Spring Hope received last night said that Chief Stallings, who was shot while endeavoring to arrest a negro who was selling liquor, had escaped from the hospital.

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## RICHMOND HOTELS HAVE AMPLE ROOM

Dabney's Figures Show How Easy It Is to Accommodate Conventions.

### ELEVEN CAN HANDLE THEM

Regular Patrons Not Disturbed by Sudden Rush of Delegates.

That Richmond hotels can, at any season of the year, without inconvenience, crowd or extra effort, furnish first-class accommodations for the largest conventions is the gist of the statistics most recently compiled by Business Manager William T. Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce. This fact is of more significance than may at first appear. It shows convincingly that Richmond possesses regular hotel accommodations, which few other cities can boast. That Richmond possesses extra or surplus hotel accommodations with which not many other places can compare; it shows finally that Richmond has this one additional advantage when it comes to being one of the best convention cities in the United States.

Business Manager Dabney's figures show that eleven of Richmond's leading hotels, during the period stated, the hotels designated can afford 1,648 accommodations with bath and 1,308 without. A grand total of 2,956.

These hotels are the Stumptice, Commercial, Raleigh, Park, Grand, Guarant, Gilbert's, Murphy's, Jefferson, Davis and Rieger's.

On occasions of conventions it is customary all over the country to assign on an average of two and a half persons to a room. This, of course, depends upon the class of delegates attending and conditions. But the average stated is a fair one and is not usually broken. It is a fact that especially when the hotels arrange that the convention delegates share their quarters with other delegates or people whom they know.

Between May 15 and September 15 only about 20 per cent of Richmond's hotel capacity is consumed. At this rate, during the period stated, the hotels designated can afford 1,648 accommodations with bath and 1,308 without. A grand total of 2,956.

Comparative investigation with other cities discloses that few in the country have a larger surplus of hotel accommodations than Richmond. And resorts are usually exhausted in their supply with delegates, therefore, that the matter of delegates being called upon to supply lodging conveniences and without the regular transient patronage of the hotels is not disturbed.

In many Real Big Conventions, which are held in New York and Chicago, there are a greater number of hotels, but not the surplus of accommodations, which is due largely to the fact that the hotels in these cities are supported altogether by transient delegates and the most of them are not affected by seasons. On the other hand, Richmond, being a tourist city, supports a large number of hotels to the extent of consuming only one-fifth of its capacity during the seasons when conventions are usually held.

It is therefore, in the matter of hotel accommodations, Richmond, as a convention city, affords a great advantage, which most other cities do not possess.

## MOORE CONTENTS HE'S CHARMAN

Takes Official Action by Calling Meeting of District Committee.

Disregarding the claim of John G. Luce that he is still the chairman of the Republican Party in the Third District, C. Ridgeway Moore has issued a call for the district committee to meet next Monday, September 26, at Lexington at 8 o'clock the same evening.

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## THE NEW SEASON

Has brought new materials and new colorings. This applies to Clothing as well as Furnishings and Hats.

### Gans-Rady Company

Will be glad to show them to you.

## POLICE WILL ASK FOR BIGGER FORCE

More Men Needed to Cover Large Territory Which Came With Annexation.

The legislative committee of the Board of Police Commissioners, composed of A. D. Landerkin, Richard N. Goode and Emmett Thomas, will appear before Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform to-night to urge favorable action on the request for thirty additional men for the police force. Major Werner, Captain George Pollock and City Electrician W. H. Thompson will also appear before the committee. The bill, which has already been introduced in Council, carries also a clause asking for an extra appropriation of \$11,000, which is needed for repairs to the South Richmond Police Station and for the installation of patrol boxes in the Southside.

The committee from the Police Board will point out the need of having more men on the force on account of the growth of the city. They will show that the force is not proportionate to the size of the city and that the territory to be covered by patrolmen in their beats. Ten more men are needed for South Richmond, where the beats are small and the territory is large. There is also need for more men in the Detective Department, and it is probable that two men will be added to this department.

New Traffic Regulations. An ordinance increasing the powers of the Police Commissioners in order that it may inaugurate more stringent traffic rules will also be considered to-night.

A petition from real estate agents on Tenth and Eleventh Streets, involving traffic regulations, will be presented to the committee. They will ask that traffic regulations on those streets from Main to Bank be suspended, that persons suffering from nervous prostration be allowed to stand with their heads down the hill under the present rule.

The Rennie Dairy Company will file a petition for permission to build a stable to accommodate forty horses between Sixth and Seventh Streets, near Leigh. It is expected that residents in the neighborhood will enter a protest.

The ordinance providing for a redistricting of the school areas, so as to include Washington Ward, will be taken up by the committee.

## CHAMBER MEMBERS

Appointed to Serve on James River Improvement Committee.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday noon the following members were appointed to serve on the James River Improvement Committee: George Bryan, M. A. Chambers, W. A. Crenshaw, J. H. Dunlop, Secretary R. H. Dunlop, of the Chamber, notified City Clerk Ben T. August of the appointment of the committee. It was approved by the City Council. In addition to the members appointed by the Chamber, the following will compose the committee: Alderman Francis H. E. E. Richardson and John Bliley, and Councilmen Julius A. Hobson, J. T. Powers, George Rogers, Claude Watkins and Carter C. Jones.

## OLD COMMISSION NOW DISSOLVED

James River Bridge Passes, by Court Order, Into Hands of the Municipality.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon Judge Ingram entered an order dissolving the James River Bridge Company and authorizing the transfer of the Free Bridge property to the city of Richmond. The order was issued upon petition of Assistant City Attorney Anderson, supplemented by a request of the Bridge Commission, composed of five trustees, who formerly had control of the property. A copy of the order has been forwarded to the State Corporation Commission.

The petition filed by Assistant City Attorney Anderson traces the history of the bridge, setting forth that the legislature authorized the trustees of the James River Bridge Company, which subsequently Richmond united with the city in 1875, to build a bridge over the James River. The bridge becomes the property of Richmond, and the commission is no longer necessary.

In its answer to the petition, the Bridge Commission asserts. The commission says that the James River Bridge Company, which was organized in 1875, had a capital of \$1,500. The Postal Telegraph Company pays \$100 annually, and the same amount of money is paid to the same amount of money is paid to the same amount of money is paid